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PURGE IN STORE FOR GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER

Information coming from various sources confirms a report mentioned a few days ago that the KKE (Greek Communist Party) leadership located behind the Iron Curtain will also feel the recent new wave of purges which Moscow has unleashed against the leadership of her Satellites.

It seems that the successor of Nikos Zahariadis, the KKE leader, will be Roussos. At the same time, the reappearance of Miltiadis Porfyrogenis, who was missing for a long time, strengthens the impression that purges are in store for the clique around Zahariadis.

The realization of the above by the Cominform can mean, at least as far as Greece is concerned, a change in the Communist tactics being followed to penetrate the masses. It is maintained that it is possible that Moscow is seeking to place certain persons at the head of the KKE Klimakion Section in Greece so that their cooperation with the "progressive" elements of other Greek parties might be facilitated.

Observers in Greece do not expect -- at least for the moment -- any move on an international scale by the Communists to reorganize the so-called "people's fronts." At any rate, an attempt by the Communists to try to re-establish such a front in Greece is not out of the question. It is believed that any possible purge of Zahariadis and his colleagues will mean a change in the KKE policy being followed in Greece.

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